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UNIT

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1. Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. 6-302486, Published October 28, 1994 – corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,421,953, Issued June 6, 1995. The invention is a background art of the present application. JP 6-302486 was cited on the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT Application submitted herewith.
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3. Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. 3-91227, Published April 16, 1991– corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,383,993, Issued January 24, 1995. The invention is a background art of the present application. JP 3-91227 was cited on the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT Application submitted herewith.
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6. Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. 9-223781, Published August 26, 1997 – corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,953,620, Published September 14, 1999. The invention is a background art of the present application. JP 9-223781 was cited in the Japanese Office Action issued for the relevant case of the present application.
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